

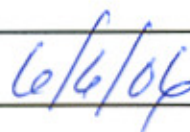
Memorandum

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Dave Cortese
SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Club Staff Report
DATE: June 6, 2006

Approved



Date



RECOMMENDATION

Mayor and City Council are recommended to approve staff's report to:

- (a) Acquire BGC's sports field property adjacent to the Smythe Clubhouse and enter into a joint use agreement with BGC, in an amount up to \$1 million;
- (b) Work with BGC and third party non-profit organizations to develop an operations and fund development workplan to assist BGC in establishing a stable financial condition; and
- (c) BGC to assume operation of the afterschool and summer programming at Empire Gardens Elementary School while the City evaluates options for future community serving uses of the City's property at 1 10 E. Jackson Street.

BACKGROUND

The Boys & Girls Smythe Clubhouse (BGC) is located at 1835 Cunningham Avenue in the northern portion of District 8, proximate to District 5. It serves many purposes, not the least of which as a major participating agency in several city initiatives including the KONA SNI, Weed & Seed, San Jose Afterschool, etc.

Its primary purpose is to accommodate those boys and girls who in other circumstances would be left to their own devices for recreation and companionship, particularly children at home with no adult care or supervision. This purposes is achieved through programming and services that enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Given that the BGC does not turn away any youngster for financial hardship, its own sources of revenue are outweighed by the costs of running the overall program. Therefore Council Offices 5 & 8 have worked with city staff on an arrangement that would make the BGC financially solvent and enable them to remain in operation while also increasing access to the sport fields on the anterior of the property. This arrangement entails the City purchasing the sports fields in an amount up to \$1 million dollars and entering into a joint use agreement with the BGC. As the City itself is facing a sports field shortage, the acquisition of these fields will create additional opportunity for San Jose residents to recreate. Payment to BGC will occur in phases and simultaneously the BGC will be working with the City and outside agencies to implement and business plan for financial stability.